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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- 2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 3 "Cigarette Smoking Reduction and Electronic Vapor Al-
- 4 ternatives Act of 2017".
- 5 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
- 6 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
 - Sec. 2. Findings.
 - Sec. 3. Purposes of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.
 - Sec. 4. Regulation of electronic vapor products.
 - Sec. 5. Joint comparative health risk assessment.

7 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

- 8 The Congress finds the following:
- 9 (1) Cigarette smoking is the practice of burning
 10 tobacco rolled in a paper and inhaling the smoke.
 11 According to the Department of Health and Human
 12 Services—
- 13 (A) the burning of tobacco produces a
 14 chemical mixture of more than 7,000 com15 pounds;
- 16 (B) cigarette smoking causes cancer, heart
 17 disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes, and
 18 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and
 19 harms nearly every organ of the body;
- 20 (C) cigarette smoking causes more than
 21 480,000 deaths each year, including nearly
 22 42,000 deaths due to secondhand tobacco
 23 smoke;

(D) the economic cost of cigarette smoking
 is more than \$300 billion a year, including
 nearly \$170 billion in direct medical care, and
 more than \$156 billion in lost productivity; and
 (E) nearly 7 in 10 adult cigarette smokers
 want to quit smoking.

7 (2) Electronic vapor products, also known as
8 "electronic cigarettes" or "e-cigarettes", are battery9 operated devices that use low heat to turn e-liquid,
10 which generally contains nicotine, into a vaporized
11 aerosol which is inhaled—there is no burning of to12 bacco or generation of smoke for inhalation.

(3) Evidence from numerous studies strongly
suggests that electronic vapor products are magnitudes safer than traditional, combustible cigarettes. Studies have found that several million regular vapers in the United States no longer regularly
smoke cigarettes.

(4) Studies of cigarette smokers who switched
to vapor found significant improvements in lung
function, including a study finding asthmatic smokers who switched to vapor had significant improvements in spirometry data, asthma control, airway
hyperresponsiveness, and lower blood pressure.

(5) The Royal College of Physicians 2016 re port on e-cigarettes titled, "Nicotine without smoke:
 Tobacco harm reduction" issued the following find ings:

5 (A) The available evidence to date indi-6 cates that e-cigarettes are being used almost ex-7 clusively as safer alternatives to smoked to-8 bacco, by confirmed smokers who are trying to 9 reduce harm to themselves or others from 10 smoking, or to quit smoking completely.

(B) The hazard to health arising from
long-term vapor inhalation from the e-cigarettes
available today is unlikely to exceed 5 percent
of the harm from smoking tobacco.

(C) E-cigarettes are marketed as consumer
products and are proving much more popular
than Food and Drug Administration-approved
nicotine replacement therapies (NRT) as a substitute and competitor for tobacco cigarettes.

20 (6) "E-Liquid" is the liquid that is heated into
21 vapor. It contains, principally, propylene glycol, veg22 etable glycerin, in some cases food flavoring, in some
23 cases nicotine, and in some cases water; propylene
24 glycol and vegetable glycerin are designated as "gen-

| 1 | erally recognized as safe" by the Food and Drug Ad- |
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| 2 | ministration (FDA) as food additives. |
| 3 | (7) Surveys have found that a significant ma- |
| 4 | jority of regular users of electronic vapor products |
| 5 | had previously tried FDA-approved smoking ces- |
| 6 | sation drugs to quit smoking without success. |
| 7 | (8) An expert independent evidence review pub- |
| 8 | lished by Public Health England (PHE) concluded |
| 9 | that— |
| 10 | (A) the use of vapor products is about 95 |
| 11 | percent less harmful than cigarette smoking; |
| 12 | (B) nearly half the population doesn't real- |
| 13 | ize vapor is much less harmful than smoking; |
| 14 | and |
| 15 | (C) there is no evidence suggesting elec- |
| 16 | tronic vapor products act as a route into smok- |
| 17 | ing for children or nonsmokers. |
| 18 | (9) Electronic vapor product sales in the United |
| 19 | States have increased from an estimated \$100 mil- |
| 20 | lion in 2010 to $$3.5$ billion in 2015 while cigarette |
| 21 | consumption in the United States declined from |
| 22 | 307 billion in 2010 to an estimated 265 billion in |
| 23 | 2015. |
| 24 | (10) On May 10, 2016 the Food and Drug Ad- |
| 25 | ministration issued its "Deeming Regulation" to |

deem e-cigarettes or electronic vapor products to be
 subject to its authority. The regulation will, as a
 practical matter, because of its significant compli ance costs and poorly articulated standard for pro tecting public health, ban the sale of all electronic
 vapor products by August 2018.

7 (11) The Food and Drug Administration's
8 Deeming Regulation, by effectively banning elec9 tronic vapor products, will push vapers who have
10 quit or reduced cigarette smoking by switching to
11 electronic vapor products back to smoking deadly
12 cigarettes.

13 (12) The 2015 Monitoring the Future survey of 14 the National Institute on Drug Abuse found past-15 30-day use of an electronic vapor product by 8th, 16 10th, and 12th graders combined declined from 13.9 17 percent in 2014 to 13.2 percent in 2015; however, 18 that survey found that fewer than 20 percent of 19 teens who used an electronic vapor product in the 20 past 30 days reported using a product containing 21 nicotine.

(13) Electronic vapor products show tremendous promise in reducing cigarette smoking, and cigarette smoking attributable morbidity, mortality,
and health care costs.

| 1 | (14) Since the Food and Drug Administration |
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| 2 | was granted authority to regulate tobacco products |
| 3 | in 2009, the agency has failed to grant market ap- |
| 4 | proval to any modified risk tobacco product. |
| 5 | SEC. 3. PURPOSES OF THE FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION |
| 6 | AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT. |
| 7 | Section 3 of the Family Smoking Prevention and To- |
| 8 | bacco Control Act (21 U.S.C. 387 note) is amended by |
| 9 | amending paragraph (9) to read as follows: |
| 10 | "(9) to promote— |
| 11 | "(A) cessation to reduce disease risk and |
| 12 | the social costs associated with tobacco-related |
| 13 | diseases; and |
| 14 | "(B) harm reduction strategies; and". |
| 15 | SEC. 4. REGULATION OF ELECTRONIC VAPOR PRODUCTS. |
| 16 | (a) Center for Tobacco Products and Tobacco |
| 17 | HARM REDUCTION.—Section 901(e) of the Federal Food, |
| 18 | Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 387a(e)) is amend- |
| 19 | ed— |
| 20 | (1) in the subsection heading, by striking |
| 21 | "CENTER FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS" and inserting |
| 22 | "Center for Tobacco Products and Tobacco |
| 23 | HARM REDUCTION"; |

| 1 | (2) by striking "Center for Tobacco Products" |
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| 2 | and inserting "Center for Tobacco Products and To- |
| 3 | bacco Harm Reduction''; and |
| 4 | (3) by striking "this chapter" and inserting |
| 5 | "this chapter and chapter X". |
| 6 | (b) FDA AUTHORITY OVER ELECTRONIC VAPOR |
| 7 | PRODUCTS.— |
| 8 | (1) Exclusion from definition of tobacco |
| 9 | PRODUCT.—Section 201(rr) of the Federal Food, |
| 10 | Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(rr)) is |
| 11 | amended— |
| 12 | (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting "an e- |
| 13 | liquid (as defined in section 1001), a personal |
| 14 | electronic vaporizer (as defined in section |
| 15 | 1001)," before "or a combination product"; and |
| 16 | (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting after |
| 17 | "The products described in paragraph (2) " the |
| 18 | following: "(other than an e-liquid or personal |
| 19 | electronic vaporizer)". |
| 20 | (2) Combination products.—Section 503(g) |
| 21 | of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 |
| 22 | U.S.C. 353(g)) is amended— |
| 23 | (A) in paragraph (1)— |
| 24 | (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking |
| 25 | "or biological product" and inserting ", bi- |

| 1 | ological product, e-liquid, or personal elec- |
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| 2 | tronic vaporizer"; and |
| 3 | (ii) in subparagraph (D)— |
| 4 | (I) in clause (ii), by striking "or" |
| 5 | at the end; |
| 6 | (II) in clause (iii), by striking the |
| 7 | period at the end and inserting "; or"; |
| 8 | and |
| 9 | (III) by adding at the end the |
| 10 | following: |
| 11 | "(iv) an e-liquid or personal electronic vapor- |
| 12 | izer, the agency center charged with regulating e-liq- |
| 13 | uids and personal electronic vaporizers shall have |
| 14 | primary jurisdiction."; and |
| 15 | (B) in paragraph (9)— |
| 16 | (i) by redesignating subparagraphs |
| 17 | (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and |
| 18 | (E), respectively; and |
| 19 | (ii) by inserting after subparagraph |
| 20 | (B) the following: |
| 21 | "(C) The terms 'e-liquid' and 'personal elec- |
| 22 | tronic vaporizer' have the meanings given to such |
| 23 | terms in section 1001.". |

| 1 | (3) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The Federal |
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| 2 | Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et |
| 3 | seq.) is amended— |
| 4 | (A) by redesignating chapter X as chapter |
| 5 | XI; |
| 6 | (B) by redesignating sections 1001 |
| 7 | through 1014 as sections 1101 through 1114, |
| 8 | respectively; |
| 9 | (C) in section $505(n)(2)$, by striking |
| 10 | "1004" and inserting "1104"; |
| 11 | (D) in sections $523(b)(2)(D)$ and |
| 12 | 704(g)(13), by striking "1003(g)" and inserting |
| 13 | ''1103(g)''; |
| 14 | (E) in section $1109(a)(5)(A)$, as redesig- |
| 15 | nated by paragraph (4), by striking "1008" |
| 16 | and inserting "1108"; and |
| 17 | (F) by inserting after chapter IX the fol- |
| 18 | lowing: |
| 19 | "CHAPTER X—ELECTRONIC VAPOR |
| 20 | PRODUCTS |
| 21 | "SEC. 1001. DEFINITIONS. |
| 22 | "In this chapter: |
| 23 | "(1) The term 'e-liquid' means any liquid solu- |
| 24 | tion that— |
| 25 | "(A) may or may not contain nicotine; and |

| 1 | "(B) is intended to be converted into an |
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| 2 | aerosol, vapor, or vapor-like mist for users to |
| 3 | inhale through the mouthpiece of a personal |
| 4 | electronic vaporizer. |
| 5 | ((2) The term 'personal electronic vaporizer' |
| 6 | means an electronic device that employs a heating |
| 7 | element or atomizer that converts an e-liquid into an |
| 8 | aerosol, vapor, or vapor-like mist through a non- |
| 9 | combustive process. |
| 10 | "(3) The terms 'e-liquid' and 'personal elec- |
| 11 | tronic vaporizer' exclude— |
| 12 | "(A) a drug as defined in section |
| 13 | 201(g)(1); |
| 14 | "(B) a device as defined in section 201(h); |
| 15 | and |
| 16 | "(C) a biological product as defined in sec- |
| 17 | tion 351 of the Public Health Service Act. |
| 18 | "SEC. 1002. EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY FOR REGULATING E- |
| 19 | LIQUIDS AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC VA- |
| 20 | PORIZERS. |
| 21 | "The authorities vested by this chapter constitute the |
| 22 | exclusive authorities of the Secretary to regulate e-liquids |
| 23 | and personal electronic vaporizers, except to the extent e- |
| 24 | liquids and personal electronic vaporizers are within com- |
| 25 | bination products regulated pursuant to section 503(g). |

1 "SEC. 1003. PROHIBITED ACTS; PENALTIES.

2 "(a) PROHIBITIONS.—The following acts and the3 causing thereof are hereby prohibited:

4 "(1) The manufacture of an e-liquid or personal
5 electronic vaporizer in noncompliance with the
6 standards under section 1004(b) in violation of an
7 order issued under section 1004(e).

8 "(2) The offering of e-liquids or personal elec-9 tronic vaporizers for sale in interstate commerce by 10 an e-liquid or personal electronic vaporizer manufac-11 turer that does not have a certification in effect as 12 required by section 1004(c).

"(3) The failure by an e-liquid or personal electronic vaporizer manufacturer to provide access for
inspection as required by section 1004(d).

"(4)(A) The introduction or delivery for introduction in interstate commerce of an e-liquid or personal electronic vaporizer by any person that is adulterated or misbranded, as described in subsection (b)
or (c) respectively.

"(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a retailer may be found to be in violation of such subparagraph with respect to the introduction or delivery for introduction in interstate commerce of an eliquid or personal electronic vaporizer at retail only
if the violation occurs knowingly.

"(b) ADULTERATION.—An e-liquid or personal elec tronic vaporizer shall be treated as adulterated if—

3 "(1) it was manufactured in noncompliance
4 with the standards under section 1004(b) in viola5 tion of an order issued under section 1004(e); or

6 "(2) it was manufactured by an e-liquid or per7 sonal electronic vaporizer manufacturer that does
8 not have a certification in effect as required by sec9 tion 1004(c).

10 "(c) MISBRANDING.—An e-liquid or personal elec-11 tronic vaporizer shall be treated as misbranded if its label-12 ing (as such term is defined in section 201 with respect 13 to drugs) is in noncompliance with the standards under 14 section 1004(b) in violation of an order issued under sec-15 tion 1004(e).

"(d) PENALTIES.—An e-liquid or personal electronic
vaporizer manufacturer who violates a provision of subsection (a) shall be imprisoned not more than 3 years,
fined not more than \$10,000 (notwithstanding section
3571(e) of title 18, United States Code) for each day on
which the violation continues, or both.

1"SEC. 1004. STANDARDS FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF E-2LIQUIDS AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC VA-3PORIZERS; COMPLIANCE.

4 "(a) REQUIREMENT.—Beginning on the date that is 5 1 year after the date of enactment of the Cigarette Smoking Reduction and Electronic Vapor Alternatives Act of 6 7 2017, any e-liquid or personal electronic vaporizer introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate com-8 merce shall conform to the e-liquid or personal electronic 9 vaporizer (as applicable) manufacturing standards under 10 subsection (b), including the labeling standards therein. 11 12 "(b) MANUFACTURING STANDARDS.—

13 "(1) E-LIQUIDS.—The manufacturing stand14 ards for e-liquids under this subsection shall consist
15 of the following:

16 "(A) INTERIM STANDARDS.—The e-liquid 17 manufacturing standards issued by the Amer-18 ican E-Liquid Manufacturing Standards Asso-19 ciation (version 2.3.) on January 13, 2016 (in-20 cluding any revision to such standards made in 21 accordance with paragraph (3)) apply to the in-22 troduction or delivery for introduction into 23 interstate commerce of e-liquids during the pe-24 riod beginning on the date described in sub-25 section (a) and ending on the date described in 26 subparagraph (B).

1 "(B) SUBSEQUENT STANDARDS.—The e-2 liquid manufacturing standards of the American 3 National Standards Institute (including any revision to such standards made in accordance 4 5 with paragraph (3)) apply to the introduction 6 or delivery for introduction into interstate com-7 merce of e-liquids beginning on the date of the 8 adoption of such standards by the American 9 National Standards Institute. 10 "(2) PERSONAL ELECTRONIC VAPORIZERS.— 11 The manufacturing standards for personal electronic 12 vaporizers under this subsection shall consist of the 13 following: 14 "(A) BATTERY SAFETY.—Any battery used 15 in a personal electronic vaporizer shall conform to the IEC 62133 standards of the Inter-16

16to the IEC 62133 standards of the Inter-17national Electrotechnical Commission, as in ef-18fect on the date of enactment of the Cigarette19Smoking Reduction and Electronic Vapor Alter-20natives Act of 2017 and including any revision21to such standards made in accordance with22paragraph (3).

23 "(B) SHORT CIRCUIT PROTECTION.—A
24 personal electronic vaporizer shall have a mech-

| 1 | anism to ensure user and battery safety in the |
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| 2 | event of a short circuit of the heating element. |
| 3 | "(C) DISCHARGE MONITORING.—A re- |
| 4 | chargeable personal electronic vaporizer shall |
| 5 | have a mechanism to prevent the battery from |
| 6 | being discharged below a safe voltage during |
| 7 | use or discharged faster than the battery can |
| 8 | sustain safely. |
| 9 | "(D) CHARGE MONITORING.—A personal |
| 10 | electronic vaporizer that contains an onboard |
| 11 | charger shall include circuitry to monitor the |
| 12 | battery voltage and charge current and limit |
| 13 | these to safe levels. A personal electronic vapor- |
| 14 | izer that contains multiple battery cells in series |
| 15 | shall monitor the cells individually. |
| 16 | "(E) Serial and lot numbers.—A per- |
| 17 | sonal electronic vaporizer shall include a serial |
| 18 | or lot number on the label that allows the va- |
| 19 | porizer to be traced to its time and place of |
| 20 | manufacture. Notwithstanding the preceding |
| 21 | sentence, a single-use personal electronic vapor- |
| 22 | izer may have such serial or lot number on the |
| 23 | packaging of the vaporizer other than the label. |
| 24 | "(F) VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION.—A |
| 25 | personal electronic vaporizer shall be con- |

1 structed with sufficiently validated processes, or 2 subject to sufficient verification and testing, to ensure that each individual vaporizer conforms 3 to its specifications. 4 "(G) TRACKING AND RECALLS.—The man-5 6 ufacturer of a personal electronic vaporizer 7 shall record all shipments of one or more per-8 sonal electronic vaporizers by the manufacturer 9 to a distributor, retailer, or end user, and cor-10 relate each such shipment to serial or lot num-11 bers, to enable batch tracking and recalls. "(H) MATERIALS.—The manufacturer of a 12 13 personal electronic vaporizer shall ensure that— 14 "(i) materials that come in contact 15 with e-liquids or vapor during manufacture 16 or reasonably foreseeable use of the per-17 sonal electronic vaporizer are limited to ap-18 proved medical or food contact grade prod-19 ucts with established safety and biocompat-20 ibility characteristics; and "(ii) components of a personal elec-21 22 tronic vaporizer which are expected to be

subject to heat are appropriate for the ex-

24 pected temperatures.

1 "(3) REVISIONS.—Before issuing a revision to 2 the standards applicable under paragraph (1)(A), 3 (1)(B), or (2)(A), the American E-Liquid Manufacturing Standards Association, the American Na-4 5 tional Standards Institute, or the International Elec-6 trotechnical Commission, as applicable, shall notify 7 the Secretary in writing of the proposed revision. 8 Not later than 90 days after the date of receipt of 9 such notice, the Secretary shall determine whether 10 the proposed revision enhances the safety and qual-11 ity of e-liquid products or personal electronic vapor-12 izers, as applicable. If the Secretary determines that 13 the proposed revision does enhance the safety and 14 quality of e-liquid products or personal electronic va-15 porizers, as applicable, the Secretary shall give no-16 tice of such determination to the public for a period 17 of 90 days and, effective at the end of such period, 18 incorporate the revision into the standards applicable 19 under paragraph (1)(A), (1)(B), or (2)(A), as appli-20 cable.

21 "(c) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH MANU22 FACTURING STANDARDS.—Beginning not later than 1
23 year after the date of enactment of the Cigarette Smoking
24 Reduction and Electronic Vapor Alternatives Act of 2017,
25 each e-liquid and personal electronic vaporizer manufac-

turer offering e-liquids for sale in interstate commerce
 shall have in effect a certification filed with the Secretary
 in writing that all such e-liquids or personal electronic va porizers, as applicable, are manufactured, labeled, and
 otherwise in compliance with the standards under sub section (b).

7 "(d) INSPECTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH MANU-8 FACTURING STANDARDS.—E-liquid and personal elec-9 tronic vaporizer manufacturers shall provide the Secretary 10 with access to their facilities used in manufacturing e-liq-11 uids or personal electronic vaporizers, as applicable, for 12 inspection.

13 "(e) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH MANUFACTURING14 STANDARDS.—

15 "(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary finds that
16 an e-liquid or personal electronic vaporizer manufac17 turer is in noncompliance with the standards under
18 subsection (b)—

19"(A) the Secretary shall not take any en-20forcement action based on such noncompliance21unless—

22 "(i) the Secretary gives the manufac23 turer notice of, and a period of 90 days to
24 correct, such noncompliance; and

| 1 | "(ii) the manufacturer fails, by the |
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| 2 | end of such 90-day period, to correct such |
| 3 | noncompliance; and |
| 4 | "(B) if the manufacturer fails to correct |
| 5 | such noncompliance, as described in paragraph |
| 6 | (1)(A)(ii), the Secretary may issue an order re- |
| 7 | quiring the manufacturer— |
| 8 | "(i) to suspend any commercial activ- |
| 9 | ity that the Secretary finds to be in non- |
| 10 | compliance; and |
| 11 | "(ii) to not resume such activity until |
| 12 | the manufacturer demonstrates to the Sec- |
| 13 | retary's satisfaction that such noncompli- |
| 14 | ance has been corrected. |
| 15 | "(2) Immediate danger to public |
| 16 | HEALTH.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if the |
| 17 | Secretary determines that an e-liquid or personal |
| 18 | electronic vaporizer manufacturer is in noncompli- |
| 19 | ance with the standards under subsection (b), and |
| 20 | that such noncompliance presents an immediate dan- |
| 21 | ger to public health, the Secretary may issue an |
| 22 | order requiring the manufacturer to suspend produc- |
| 23 | tion of such e-liquid or personal electronic vaporizer |
| 24 | until the Secretary determines that such noncompli- |
| 25 | ance is corrected. |

1 "SEC. 1005. PROHIBITION AGAINST ADVERTISING OR PRO 2 MOTING TO MINORS.

3 "(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may by regula-4 tion prohibit any manufacturer of an e-liquid or personal 5 electronic vaporizer from advertising or promoting the e-6 liquid or personal electronic vaporizer to individuals who 7 have not attained 18 years of age.

8 "(b) PENALTY.—If a manufacturer violates a prohi-9 bition established under subsection (a), the Secretary may 10 refuse to accept for filing or renewal, and may revoke, the 11 manufacturer's certification under section 1004(c).

12 "SEC. 1006. PREEMPTION OF CERTAIN STATE AND LOCAL 13 REQUIREMENTS.

14 "(a) IN GENERAL.—No State or political subdivision of a State may establish or continue in effect any require-15 ment with respect to the manufacture, distribution, or sale 16 of an e-liquid or personal electronic vaporizer which is dif-17 ferent from, or in addition to, any requirement under the 18 19 provisions of this chapter or pursuant to section 503(g), 20 including the exclusion of e-liquids and personal electronic 21 vaporizers from the definition of a tobacco product under 22 section 201.

23 "(b) EXCEPTION.—Information disclosed to a State
24 consistent with subsection (a) that is exempt from disclo25 sure under section 552(b)(4) of title 5, United States

Code, shall be treated as a trade secret and confidential
 information by the State.

3 "SEC. 1007. OFFICE FOR E-LIQUID AND PERSONAL ELEC4 TRONIC VAPORIZER STANDARDS COMPLI5 ANCE.

6 "Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment 7 of the Cigarette Smoking Reduction and Electronic Vapor 8 Alternatives Act of 2017, the Secretary shall establish 9 within the Food and Drug Administration's Center for To-10 bacco Products and Tobacco Harm Reduction an Office 11 of E-Liquid and Personal Electronic Vaporizer Standards 12 Compliance. The Office shall—

"(1) be responsible for the implementation of
this chapter and related matters assigned by the Director of such Center; and

"(2) provide technical and other nonfinancial
assistance to e-liquid and personal electronic vaporizer manufacturers to assist them in complying with
the requirements of this Act.".

20 SEC. 5. JOINT COMPARATIVE HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT.

Chapter X of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
Act, as added by section 4, is further amended by adding
at the end the following:

"SEC. 1008. TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND NICOTINE DELIVERY ALTERNATIVES: COMPARATIVE HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT.

4 "(a) ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary shall undertake a 5 tobacco products and other nicotine delivery alternatives comparative health risk assessment and rank each cat-6 7 egory of products on a scale according to the reasonable 8 expectation for morbidity and mortality risk when com-9 pared to smoking cigarettes based on laboratory studies 10 and existing scientific data. For purposes of such assessment, tobacco and nicotine delivery alternative product 11 12 categories shall include at a minimum—

13 "(1) cigarettes;

14 "(2) loose tobacco for roll-your-own tobacco15 products;

- 16 "(3) little cigars;
- 17 "(4) cigars;
- 18 "(5) pipe tobacco;
- 19 "(6) moist snuff;
- 20 "(7) dry snuff;
- 21 "(8) chewing tobacco;
- 22 "(9) snus;
- 23 "(10) vaporized tobacco, meaning 'heat not
 24 burn' technology intended for inhalation;
- 25 "(11) vapor produced by a personalized elec26 tronic vaporizer containing e-liquid with nicotine;

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"(12) shish and other tobacco products that are

2 heated and inhaled via a hookah, water pipe, or other type of pipe (treated collectively as a single 3 4 category); ((13))dissolvable, chewable, drinkable, 5 and 6 other tobacco and nicotine products intended for oral 7 ingestion (treated collectively as a single category); 8 "(14) tobacco and nicotine skin creams, patch-9 es, and other tobacco and nicotine products intended 10 for transdermal consumption (treated collectively as 11 a single category); 12 "(15) tobacco and nicotine sprays, droplets, and 13 mists intended for nasal consumption (treated as a 14 single category); and "(16) other nicotine-containing products (treat-15 16 ed collectively as a single category). 17 "(b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Cigarette Smoking Reduction 18 19 and Electronic Vapor Alternatives Act of 2017, the Sec-20 retary shall report to the Committee on Energy and Com-21 merce of the House of Representatives and the Committee 22 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate 23 on the results of the comparative health risk assessment 24 under subsection (a). Based on such results, such report shall include recommendations on-25

- "(1) new or improved tobacco harm reduction
 strategies; and
- 3 "(2) the possible need for additional legislative
 4 authorities to implement such strategies.".